

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are currently pending. Claims 6-9 and 11-37 are allowed. Claims 2-5 and 10 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Claim 1 is hereby cancelled.

Claim Amendments

Amendment of any claim herein is not to be construed as acquiescence to any of the rejections/objections set forth in the instant Office Action. Such amendments are being made in an effort to expedite prosecution of the present application. Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the within amendments which follow.

Applicants have hereby amended original claims 2 and 3. Claims 2 and 3 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of original claim 1.

Applicants have hereby amended original claim 10 to depend from original claim 7 instead of claim 2. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 10, as amended herein, is patently distinguishable over the prior art of record.

No new matter has been added and support for these claim changes can be found in the originally filed claims and specification.

Claim Rejections

Cancellation of any claim herein is not to be construed as acquiescence to any of the rejections/objections set forth in the instant Office Action.

Claim 1 is hereby cancelled.

In view of the forgoing amendments and cancellations, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-5 and 10 in due course.

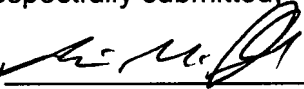
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